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Buffalo Leaders Evolve Standards

Plan of Organization and Examination for Captains and Scouts

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From the time Girl Scouts were first organized in Buffalo, we have worked on a definite plan for standardizing records, examinations and procedure to the end of building up a strong, flexible, efficient organization.

Miss Louise Kolloch, a trained leader, spent a month in Buffalo, forming troops and instructing captains. By the time of our first council meeting the chairman of the court of honor had been appointed, had formed her committee and had arranged a date for the first tenderfoot test.

No prospective captain or lieutenant is permitted to take the captain's examination until she has first passed the tenderfoot test, and has been approved by the committee of the local council on Qualifications of Leaders. She must then pass the captain's examinations before her name is finally sent to National Headquarters as eligible for a commission. This plan gives the commissioner an opportunity to meet every prospective leader, unites the leaders with local headquarters and introduces them to the Court of Honor.

We began with a captain's class, but as we grew those who had received commissions organized The Officers' Association of the Buffalo Girl Scouts, the object of which is "to promote the welfare of the Girl Scouts of the district, to maintain the principles as set forth by National Headquarters for the development of girls physically, mentally and morally, and to keep a high standard before those who come within its influence."

This Association consists of all registered captains and lieutenants and has as associate members all others holding positions of any sort in the local Girl Scout organization. It has a simple constitution and by-laws, which provide for a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer elected yearly, and for an executive committee composed of the officers and two other members with power to transact the

general business of the association, subject to the approval of the association. Meetings are held once a month.

This organization makes it possible to reach captains and to get their approval of work undertaken by the Scouts. It also gives an opportunity for criticism and suggestion and helps to unify the work.

We are continuing to work with new leaders, and the leaders' class and the officers' association often meet together for opening exercises, or rather for the singing of patriotic songs. We thus inspire each other, and then separate for the business meeting or the program of the evening.

No captain is allowed to let her scouts do anything as scouts without direct permission from local headquarters, and no scout is asked to do any work except through her captain or with her captain's permission. Our executive secretary does not carry the responsibility alone as to what the scouts should be allowed to do, as she has the officers' association behind her, which in turn has the local council back of it.

The best thing about our organization in Buffalo is the fine spirit of co-operation and harmony, which animates it from beginning to end.

I am presenting herewith our forms of examination for leaders, and for tenderfoot grade and second class scouts. We have found them very successful, and will be most happy if our experience offers helpful suggestions to other groups of scout leaders.

EXAMINATION FOR SCOUT CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS

1. (a) Give simple directions for conducting a meeting according to parliamentary law.

(b) In a few words plan the program for a scout meeting.

2. Explain the following words used in drilling:

Fall in!
Attention.
Right, Dress! Front!
Right, Face!
About, Face!
Forward, March!

3. Whistle signals:

What is the meaning of:

- (a) One long blast.
- (b) A succession of quick, short blasts.
- (c) Three short blasts, followed by one long one.

4. (a) Give directions for one good game suitable for indoors.

(b) Give directions for one good game suitable for outdoors.

5. Tell the "Pledge to the Flag"—exact wording and manner of giving.

6. Tell in what ways Girl Scouts can be trained for service in their home life.

7. Tell in what way Girl Scouts can be trained for patriotic and social service.

8. (a) Give five simple, definite directions by which Girl Scouts can safeguard their health.

(b) What are, in your opinion, the necessary precautions to safeguard a group of Scouts when in or on the water?

9. In what ways can Scouts be taught thrift and the value of money.

EXAMINATION FOR TENDERFOOT GRADE GIRL SCOUT

Question—

1. Who is the Governor of this State?
2. Who is the Mayor of this City?
3. What are the ten Scout Laws?
A Scout is——
4. Write the Girl Scout Promise.
5. What does the second part of the Promise remind you to do each day?
What is the Girl Scout Motto?
In a short paragraph, give your idea of what it means.
7. History and composition of the flag.
 - (a) Who does tradition tell us made the first American flag?
 - (b) In what city was it made?
 - (c) What three men formed the Committee appointed to design it?
 - (d) On what date was it officially adopted?
 - (e) What is that day now called?
 - (f) Draw a picture of the original flag, indicating the colors.
 - (g) Draw a picture of the flag of today.
 - (h) On what day now is the flag changed when a new State is admitted?
 - (i) Why did they decide not to add a new stripe for each State?
 - (j) What did Washington say about the flag? (Verbatim.)
8. Forms of respect due to flag.
 - (a) What is the rule for hoisting and lowering the flag each day?
 - (b) What is the form observed at funerals?

(c) What rule is observed on Memorial Day?

(d) What does it mean when the flag is flown upside down?

(e) What should Girl Scouts do when "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" are played?

9. Oral part of test. (All previous to this is to be written.)

(a) Assign 4 knots to be correctly tied, and ask what each is used for.

(b) Give correctly the Girl Scout salute, and tell to what its three-fold nature refers.

(c) Name privately to the examiner five satisfactory good deeds performed within the past month.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SECOND CLASS SCOUT

1. Must have had one month's service as a Third Class (Tenderfoot) Scout.

2. Must present a certificate signed by her Captain, stating:

(a) That the applicant knows how to cook two simple dishes, such as potatoes and a quarter of a pound of meat.

(b) That the applicant knows how to light a fire in a stove, or to light a fire in the open with two matches.

3. Must present a card showing her own measurements.

4. Must present a buttonhole or seam; a knitted or crocheted article or a hemmed garment made by herself.

5. Must demonstrate that she knows how to make a bed properly; and how to make an invalid's bed.

6. Must pass an oral test on the Morse Code or Semaphore Signalling.

Written Work

7. Must be able to draw a diagram of a compass; must know the eight points of the compass (i. e., how to box a compass).

8. Must describe in writing what to do in case of fire and how to turn in an alarm.

9. Must describe a remedy for poison ivy and what to do to prevent frost-bite.

Aloha!

Two Girl Scout troops have just been commissioned in far-off Hawaii. The spirit of scouting has swept aside the deep blue sea and these sister Scouts of Honolulu have walked dry shod into our midst. These girls of the land of sweet Hawaiian music, of loyal hearts and ready hands, have eagerly pledged themselves to the Scout promise and the Scout laws. Both troops coveted the honor of being Troop I. Hibiscus Troop, of Kamehameha Girls' School, Miss Florence J. Lowe, Captain, won by first getting its application across the sea to Headquarters. This, however, will not daunt Carnation Troop, of Kakaako Mission, Mrs. William Knott, Captain. Carnation Troop wishes to be known as the troop that "does things." It numbers thirty members from eager twelve years to anticipating seventeen. Listen to the names of some of these sister Scouts from the land of the ukalele:

Julia Kaaiuwai, Sarah Kealoha, Lillian Alepau, Mary Koopii, Ella Haalilio.

The Ideal Captain

Paper Read by Miss Nina A. Pape, of Savannah, at Girl Scout Convention

You are asking me to speak on a rather broad subject, "The Qualifications and Work of a Captain"; a subject with two divisions, each of which, to be thorough, requires more time than is at my disposal.

The qualifications of a captain are so many and so varied, that if one person possessed them all, we would find the perfect man or woman whom the world is still seeking.

While these qualifications sound like stock phrases,—you've heard them so often—tact, health, perseverance, training, etc., yet they are the fundamental requirements of every leader.

Among the principal essentials, however, are genuine interest, human interest, up-to-date human interest for the individual good of every girl as well as for the work itself.

A magnetic personality comes next, the kind that establishes and develops the highest ideals of womanhood.

Then, age—one young enough to see from the girl's standpoint, young enough to take active part in out-of-door sports, yet old enough to recognize that the work and play is not mere work and play, but the development of the girls' character and usefulness; one old enough to have a vision, as she works, of the Girl Scout developed into a well rounded, broad-minded Christian woman,—whose motto will be "service to others."

Another great essential is executive ability; which means power to plan, and to carry out and undertake systematically; power to combine kindness and firmness and farsightedness, especially as to the realization of the true ideals.

Besides these other qualities, a leader must possess tact and untiring energy.

Now, as to the other division, the work of a captain—the work of captain is to teach her girls to be thorough scouts—in the true sense of the word; and remember that before one can teach a thing one must know the thing herself.

Again the work of a captain is to develop in her girls their moral, mental and physical qualities. Now to accomplish this she must know her girls, their mothers, their home life, and their environment, from she must endeavor to secure home co-operation.

Alas! rare and hard to find is the perfect woman, but the earnest and conscientious leader of a group of girls comes very near to fulfilling this ideal.

So, scout leaders, do not be discouraged at the many qualifications expected of you, and the tremendous amount of work to be accomplished, but remember that the greater the difficulty the greater the honor; and that your task of leading young girls to higher things shall receive the commendation: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

A Little Story of the East Side

By ELEANOR H. LITTLE

District Organizer of the New York City Food Aid Committee

A GROUP of East Side school girls, with no place to play but crowded streets and paved court yards, are to have their heart's desire. They are to become Girl Scouts.

It all began one hot August morning when, in the course of my work, I was passing through the noisy court of a big East Side school. Suddenly I found myself surrounded by little girls, their eager faces looking up into mine.

It took all the courage of the littlest one to act as spokesman. "Please—please," she faltered, "we want to be Girl Scouts, and we don't know how. Won't you help us?"

It was an appeal I could not resist. I was a country child myself, and I know very well all that a city child misses of the joy of childhood. Moreover the hottest week of the summer had just passed, and I had been seeing the life of the congested city tenements at its worst.

There could be but one answer. "Why, of course, girls. I don't know very much about the Girl Scouts, but I can find out. Get a list of the names and addresses of all the girls who want to be scouts and bring it to me here tomorrow."

A chorus of "Oh Goody!" a wild scampering of feet and my little questioners were gone.

Later in the day I heard of them again. A woman in the khaki uniform of the National League for Women's Service, busy distributing the Food Administration Pledge Cards, told me that a wildly excited child had stopped her with the greeting, "You're a Girl Scout, aren't you? I'm going to be one, too!"

I need not go here into the details of my visit to National Headquarters with my list of twenty-four would-be Scouts, nor need I enlarge on the spirit of co-operation I found there in my desire to give these children the pleasures and benefits of Scouting.

It is enough to say that not *their* troop, but *our* troop is being organized, and that we are learning, the twenty-four and I, to be Scouts, and are sharing together its spirit of happiness and growth.

Champions of the Liberty Loan

During the recent Liberty Loan Campaign, Sunflower Troop No. 1, Scranton, Pa., secured subscriptions amounting to \$363,300. This is a record not to be passed over lightly. If there be a doubting Thomas in regard to the question of Girl Scouts for a Liberty Loan campaign or any other campaign of national import, let him ponder thereon. The girls not only used energy, skill and tact in getting subscriptions, but subscribed liberally themselves. Fifteen of their twenty members bought bonds.

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Be A War Santa

Do you believe in Santa Claus? Well, if you don't there are hundreds of thousands of baby hearts in America that do. There are hundreds of thousands of baby stockings that may hang loose and empty on Christmas morning because there are hundreds of thousands of American fathers fighting in the trenches, training in the camps and patrolling the sea to keep your home safe and your land free. So, if you don't believe or—if you do—let's make believe and be a War Santa.

If you have never played Santa you don't know what fun you're going to have. If you have never tied up a package for a wee mite of a girl or a chubby round-eyed boy who was no kith nor kin to you, but just belonged to the big family of American citizens, you don't know what you are giving. You are tying into that package the love, the trust, the joy that is the future of the nation. It is the biggest investment you can make for the nation, for the Girl Scouts, for yourself and for the baby heart. It spells endurance for the nation, future strength for Scouting, service for yourself and unshaken trust for the little child. So, if there is an organization to which you can lend your efforts to the end that every soldier's baby in the United States shall have a happy Christmas, go to it. If there isn't get together and make one—Be A War Santa.

A Vision of Service

Occasionally there comes to Headquarters a letter so full of understanding of the deepest and truest ideals of the whole Girl Scout movement that its inspiration stretches like a rainbow over the routine of the busy days. Such a letter came recently from a New York business woman, a woman whose success in her chosen calling is notable, whose splendid vision sees in the Girl Scouts an opportunity for rare and satisfying service.

This young woman writes, "Why should I be interested in working with your organization? I will tell you.

"My reason is a very personal one. I am sure that my own life would have been much richer and more useful had an experience such as is given to Girl Scouts, entered into it. I feel that through the earlier development of ability and personality, which must result, years, virtually, may be added to one's life, and perhaps a whole life's course changed for the better. Could I help to bring to other girls these things which I lacked as a girl, it would not only afford me true pleasure but a sense, as it were vicariously, of retrieving my own lost time."

Over Here--Over There

Over here, over there, everywhere, girl scouting carries its message. Sometimes it is wrapped around a cruel wound or occupied with a tedious task, but often its mission is as sweet as a wild rose. L'ILLUSTRATION, one of the best known publications of Paris, surrounded as it is by the dreadful facts of war, has seen fit to use as its first illustration a full-page sketch of the Girl Scouts of Cincinnati scattering flowers in the path of American soldiers leaving for France. This lovely inspiring sketch proves that L'ILLUSTRATION read aright the spirit of love and God-speed that prompted this farewell tribute.

Cause for Congratulation

Girl Scouts may congratulate themselves upon the fact that Mrs. Herbert Hoover has accepted the office of Second Vice-President of their organization. Their work of food conservation which has already assumed national proportions will gain an added impetus with Mrs. Hoover in this official capacity.

About Christmas Trees

The United States Government has appointed the Y. M. C. A. the official agent for recreation in the military camps, and the Red Cross the official agent for all relief work. Girl Scout captains who wish to give soldiers' Christmas trees must obtain permission from the commanding officer in local camps, and must then work under the Y. M. C. A.

More Work for Knitters

An urgent appeal to the women and girls of the country for more knitted garments for the soldiers and sailors has been issued by the Red Cross.

"It is imperative," says the official statement, that all of the sweaters, wristlets and socks that can be made should be turned in to the supply department at the earliest possible date. The requirements of our organization in France for sweaters and knitted goods have had to remain unsatisfied on account of our inability to obtain enough for men in our own army and navy.

"We call upon the women and girls to give us their very best efforts from now until at least January 1, that we may be able to furnish our men with these comforts, and have some to spare for the dire needs in France."

The Red Cross directions for knitting sweater sets, published in the October RALLY proved welcome to Girl Scouts, and resulted in setting many knitting needles to clicking. In response to many requests directions are given herewith for the standard one-piece knitted helmet:

One hank of yarn ($\frac{1}{4}$ lb.); 4 Red Cross Needles No. 2.

Cast on 36 stitches loosely. Knit plain for 8 inches for front piece, and leave an extra needle. Knit another piece to correspond for back. These pieces must be at least 9 inches wide. Slip the stitches of both pieces on to 3 needles, arranging for last 2 stitches of back piece to be on beginning of first needle, with 38 stitches of front piece added (making 40 on first needle).

Divide rest of stitches on other 2 needles; 36-36.

Beginning with first needle, knit 2, purl 2 for 6 inches. Then on first needle knit 2, purl 2 for 18 stitches. Bind off 22 stitches for face opening. (Try to keep same arrangement of stitches on needles for further directions): Knit 2, purl 2 forward and back on remaining 90 stitches for $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, always slipping first stitch. Cast on 22 stitches loosely to complete face opening, and knit 2, purl 2 for $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches (adjust stitches by slipping 2 from end of third needle to first needle, making 42 on first needle).

Knit 1 round plain. Knit 2 stitches together; knit 11; knit 2 stitches together, knit 1. Repeat to end of round. Knit 4 rows plain. Then knit 2 stitches together; knit 9; knit 2 together; knit 1. Repeat to end of round. Knit 4 rows plain. Continue in this way, narrowing on every fifth round and reducing number of stitches between narrowed stitches by 2 (as 7, 5, 3, etc.), until you have 28 stitches left on needles. Divide on 2 needles, leaving 14 on first needle and 14 on the other, and finish the same as for the toe of a sock.

Scout Rally Brings Quick Response

As a result of the Girl Scout Rally, held on October 13, scouting in Springfield, Mass., took on an astonishing growth almost overnight. Troops already formed bulged with new members, and captains worked over-time to prepare to satisfy the demand for the formation of new troops. Fully 300 girls applied for membership in one scout troop or another, and 100 more girls met in response to a call for all interested in scouting. A feature of the program of the Rally was an exhibition of Girl Scout maneuvers and activities, which preceded the Horse Show. Of this THE SPRINGFIELD UNION said: "Prior to the opening event of the Horse Show, there were two major exhibits of more than passing note. First came the exhibition in field work by the different troops of Girl Scouts. Clad in khaki uniforms and marching with a precision which would have done credit to any military body, the girls went through their various maneuvers. They pitched and broke a camp, built a camp fire, carried on a complete signal and wigwag drill and then gave an exhibition of wall scaling and rescue and resuscitation work, which was executed perfectly. The flag raising was most impressive. As the standard was raised 'Colors' was sounded by a girl bugler, and Conway's band played 'America.' As the flag was lowered the band played 'The Star Spangled Banner.' The thousands stood as one and uncovered while the anthem was played."

A Rare Honor

The bronze life saving cross, one of the highest honors of the Girl Scouts, has been awarded to Mrs. Ralph Lawson, captain of Red Rose Troop, Salem, Mass. Mrs. Lawson performed a rare feat of bravery. After two men had given up an attempt at rescue, Mrs. Lawson swam out to a drowning woman and towed her through a rough sea to the life raft. Mrs. Lawson herself was almost overcome by her exertions.

A Memorial

Miss W. C. Johnson, of Montague, Tenn., is preparing for publication a volume of stories for scouts. It will be published as a memorial to Miss Margaret Moore, the Girl Scout Captain of Memphis, Tenn., who was drowned last July while in camp at Ozark Brook. Another memorial to Miss Moore is the filling and damming of the brook in such a way that such an accident can never again occur.

A Girl Scout contingent, three hundred strong was a much commented upon unit of the New York Sun Tobacco Fund parade. The Troop flags added gay bits of color to the marching lines. The lettered flags, showing where the troops came from, were particularly effective.

Books for Girl Scouts

By LAURA CLAIRE FOUCHER

WHERE are they—the books for and about Girl Scouts!

Girls like to know what other girls are doing and what they are trying to do.

The boys have a Scout library and a librarian. Popular and standard books of interest to the boys are published in inexpensive editions so that many scouts are purchasers of books and are proud to own a library. Why not have a scout library for the girls?

There are stories about boy scouts, scout heroes, scout bravery and daring. Many girls are grateful for the camp-fire story entitled "THE TORCH BEARER," but where are the Scout stories? The girls are neglected!

The old argument that girls are too limited in interests to appeal to the best writers for young people should become untrue.

Girls have raised crops, helped in the canning clubs for conservation of food. Was there no joy, no disappointment, no happening of any kind worth recording in story form?

Brothers and friends have gone to war! Girls have knitted, sewed, held bazaars, drilled, paraded, sacrificed in various ways to aid in the big movements of the time. Where is the story of common interest to them all?

The girls are learning to do many things. Some of the older ones have learned wireless, or how to run an automobile. Others are expert in telephony and telegraphy. There must be thrills and excitement,—but there is no story.

As for athletics, girls can swim, row, climb, ride horseback, play ball, tennis, golf. And they do! Why not read about it? Barbour never lets the boys go unnoticed!

The girls have no Altscheler, Burgess, True or Tomlinson to champion their cause in the book world,—to tell of their accomplishments and aspirations in this country, and across the water.

After all, girls are quite human. They like readable books and they like an "up-to-date story please"!

Where are the books for Girl Scouts?

There is no age limit to the Girl Scout spirit. Mrs. S. N. Hobson, of Athens, Ohio, the president of the city federation of Women's Clubs, has expressed her interest in Scouting and her desire to co-operate with the local superintendent of schools in introducing it into Athens. Mrs. Hobson is just eighty-one years young.

Did you know that old newspapers are worth from 30c to 40c per hundred pounds, and that old tin foil has a market value? Why not arrange to collect old papers and tin foil and sell them to the local junk man. Many troops have in this way raised considerable sums for war relief work. It is worth trying.

True Scout Spirit

It is with pleasure that THE RALLY gives to Girl Scouts an inspiring personal message from a Russian Girl Scout, Margarita de Lodyguine, who with her sister Vera, was living in Petrograd when the Russian Revolution occurred. With the other girls of their troop, Margarita and Vera did first aid work; were on guard duty and helped in the canteens.

They are now in this country, and as the following letter to Headquarters shows, are as ready to do their "bit" for scouting as they were for their country.

"I want to thank you very much for all the information you so kindly have sent me.

"My sister and I have just come from Russia with our mother, where we had taken an active part after the revolution in doing our 'bit' to re-establish order.

"Girl Scouting in Russia has not existed long. We were in the first patrol organized. Except for some names, we followed entirely Miss Agnes Baden-Powell's handbook for Girl Guides.

"We will do our best to help organize the girls in this town. Unfortunately, our Aunt and Uncle do not understand Scouting, so they do not wish us to become active members. But I think we can help any way without being outwardly scouts. For we have already taken the Scout oath, and try to be true to it.

"In a few months we expect to go to Detroit, where we will hope to join a troop.

"Thanking you again for all the information,

"I remain,

Yours sincerely,
MARGARITA DE LODYGUINE."

Smile, Smile, Smile

By White Rose Troop No. 2, Newark, N. J.
DOROTHY N. CLARK, Captain.

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag,
Smile! Smile! Smile!

Girl Scouts will never let the moments drag,
Smile, Girls, it's the style!

What's the use of worrying, it never was worth while,

So pack up your troubles in your old kit bag,
And Smile! Smile! Smile!

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Important Action of Board

At an informal conference of Girl Scout leaders, held on October 27, a plan was formulated in accordance with the provisions of the new constitution, for the normal order of contact of the different units of the Girl Scout organization.

Representatives were present from local councils in Boston, Brookline, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Pleasantville and Savannah. The recommendations of the conference have been accepted by the Executive Board and the action now becomes official. The recommendations as ratified follow:

1. The normal order of contact, wherever there is a local council shall be; National Headquarters to local council, local council to captain, captain to scout. It was the distinct understanding that exceptions to the above order should be made in case of need or emergency.

2. That normally, local councils shall conduct all local work of the organization, and issue all statements to troops and captains over the signature of the local council or its representative.

3. That normally, any inquiries received by National Headquarters concerning local work be referred directly to the local council, except in such cases as captain or scout appeal to the National Office as a higher authority.

At the same conference a plan was formulated for uniform titles for scout executives. These recommendations have been accepted by the Executive Board. The titles henceforth to be used throughout the organization are as follows:

Local Director, for a professional executive of a local council giving full time work.

Office Secretary, for a stenographic assistant of a local council.

National Field Captain, for a field worker from National Headquarters.

Local Field Captain, for a field worker from local councils.

Hikes--Far and Near

Narcissus Troop, Kirksville, Missouri, is especially fond of hikes. Its first hike taken since its spring camp at Lovelake was a ten-mile tramp to a neighboring town. The troop returned home in cars and arrived just in time to distribute literature at a Red Cross Rally. Another hike of eighteen miles was taken to help organize Girl Scout troops. The members of the troop walked eight miles, slept in a barn, and completed their journey next day. Several shorter camping trips were equally enjoyed. One was to the woods where the troop stayed overnight and had a refreshing swim in the morning; another was to Lake Cevenby, where it had a "wienie" roast, and still another was to the country for Hallowe'en. The Scouts love of out-of-doors, however, does not interfere with the indoor work of making Red Cross supplies and knitting for soldiers. A telling piece of work that this troop did was to give a demonstration of scout activities before the students of the State Normal School.

The demonstration so impressed the students that many of them have organized Girl Scout troops in towns where they have gone to teach.

Good Work in Fredericksburg

Miss Olive Berry, who signs herself "A Fredericksburg Scout," and who writes the following report for her captain, Mrs. Charles I. Williams, of Fredericksburg, Va., says:

"At the present time we are very busy doing our bit for Uncle Sam. Fredericksburg * * * has been sending soldiers to the camps * * * We always aim to cheer them by distributing goodies and cigarettes, and by bidding farewell to those who have no relatives to see them off * * * We are helping them also by working in the Red Cross and in the tomato factory. Before school started most of the girls attended Red Cross meetings and learned to fold bandages. When school began, the Red Cross refused to give up the girl helpers, so they arranged to have a meeting on Friday afternoons. To encourage the scouts, our captain gives ten merits to a girl when she has learned to cut and make all the gauze dressings which are registered by the Red Cross.

"The tomato factory was in need of help, and we went to work there. By doing this we were helping in two ways. First, having the tomatoes; and second, earning money for the Red Cross * * * I can say in behalf of my troop that we are doing these things, not because our captain requests it, but because we love the work."

Something to Do for the Soldiers

Use your camera skill in taking pictures of soldiers' homes, families and friends. Give them to the families to send to the men at the front.

Persuade your family and friends to read their magazine quickly. Then put a one cent stamp on each one and carry them all to the post-office. Without any address or wrapping they will be sent directly to the soldiers. The newer the magazines, the better the soldiers will like them.

Collect newspaper cartoons on the war and paste them into scrap books. The Y. M. C. A. will tell you how to get them to the camps.

To raise money for war funds start a town junk pile to which everyone may contribute rags, paper, bottles and old metal—anything indeed that is salable. The use of a shed or barn should be secured and arrangements made in advance with the junkman.

GIRL SCOUT BREECHES

May be worn, if desired, instead of bloomers.

Prices \$2.75, \$3.00 and \$3.75 according to size

EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT
National Headquarters

News of the Troops

Daisy Troop of Underhill, Vt., Mrs. Rose M. Graves, Captain, is dressing a doll for a home missionary barrel. They recently gave a Mothers' social, and they themselves enjoyed a Hallowe'en party.

Girl Scouts of Mobile Co., Alabama, have organized a debating society among the troops. A prominent vocal teacher of Mobile has offered to train a Girl Scout Glee Club.

In Knoxville, Tennessee, Girl Scouts in uniform assisted in the work of registering the women of the state for war service. They had charge of a booth in the business district and obtained a large number of registrations.

A balance of \$5.50 over all expenses incident to the camping trip of the Savannah Scouts has been pledged to the Tallulah Falls school.

Twenty-six patrols of Cincinnati Scouts collected garments for the Associated Charities Bundle day. Scouts "manned" each wagon sent out by the charities to collect bundles.

Sunflower Troop, Jamaica Plains, Mass., four months old, has the old New England missionary spirit. An interesting report from the troop mentions a poor family supplied with clothing, regular work for the Red Cross and sewing for needy children.

The Birmingham, Ala., scouts, Mrs. C. E. Woodrow, Captain, have knitted an afghan for the Red Cross, several sweaters for the soldiers, and canned a quantity of fruits and vegetables which the girls will donate to the support of a Day Nursery.

Goldenrod Troop, of Garrison, N. Y., went walking:
"Sandwiches, cake and oranges sweet,
Bacon and frying pan all complete.
Where did they go? Which road did they take?
They went on a hike to Indian Lake."

Troop 9 "of the Bronx" (New York City) reports four full patrols. The girls are studying housekeeping, first aid and signalling. They have done their "bit" toward the fund for the soldiers' library, and now they are busy knitting squares for the convalescent afghans so much needed by the Red Cross units. These afghans should be seven squares one way and nine squares the other way—each square measuring six and one-half inches.

Holly Troop No. 1, of Hopewell, Va., Captain Mrs. Esther Zilles, is located only a short distance from Camp Lee, one of the largest cantonments in the United States, and is receiving military instruction from one of the officers of the Camp.

Glastonbury, Conn., reports: "Our prize garden was planted by Ethelwyn Carrier. She

had a variety garden. She had tomatoes on her vines the first of anyone in town, and had lima beans before her father did, who makes a specialty of them and plants about ten thousand vines." Popcorn, melons, radishes and lettuce made up the rest of this well cared for garden. Glastonbury also reports canning activities which resulted in many quarts of vegetables of different kinds.

Members of Goldenrod Troop No. 1, Winthrop, Mass., are preparing to knit in earnest. They have decided to invest \$28.00 that they made at a candy and preserve sale in wool. They will use part of this wool to knit an afghan for a soldier's hospital.

A donation of \$5.00 to the Y. M. C. A. War Fund was made by Mayflower Troop No. 1, Kingston, N. Y. The troop also assisted in the Food Campaign by securing 600 signatures on the Food Administration Cards. Some members have passed the Second Class examinations and others are still working for this advancement.

Cultivation of a Community Garden was the interesting work undertaken by Troop No. 7, Philadelphia. The girls borrowed a plot of ground, raised a flag near to mark it a War Garden, and went to spading. Some time later their efforts were rewarded at Byberry Fair where they received the third Community Garden prize. This prize of \$15 was presented to the Chairman of the Red Cross Carnival in the name of the troop.

Girl Scouts of Lilly Troop No. 2, Darby, Pa., have been presented with a splendid flag by the Boy Scouts of that town. This gift was the incentive for a successful "bake," from the profits of which, \$28, have been purchased a flag pole and eagle. Besides the pole, the girls bought a first aid kit and gave \$5 to the Red Cross.

Members of Troop No. 3, Salem Mass., are weaving and knitting garments to send to the Smith College Unit. This unit is engaged in aiding the women and children of France to reclaim their devastated homes and villages. The Scouts are learning to weave on looms and will contribute a hand-woven blanket to this work. The get-together spirit has taken hold of the Salem troops. They are to have a Rally Day once a month. Troops will practice together for their tests and hope by pleasant rivalry to raise the standard of Scout requirements.

Twenty-two members of Troop No. 26, New York, own Liberty Bonds! During the Liberty Loan Campaign, five members of this troop stamped bonds at the Columbia Trust Co. The troop, under Captain Marie S. Baker, has shown a spirit of true alliance and sympathy by adopting a little French orphan, and still—it has time for play. The basketball team is about to send out a challenge!

